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Hon. Steve Barnett
Secretary of State
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: **Attorney General's Statement for initiated measure (petition circulator laws)**

Dear Secretary Barnett,

This Office received a proposed initiated measure that the sponsor may seek to place on the November 2020 ballot. Enclosed is a copy of the measure, in final form, that the sponsor submitted pursuant to SDCL 12-13-25.1. In accordance with that statute, I hereby file the Attorney General's Statement with respect to this measure. By copy of this letter, I am providing a copy of the Attorney General's Statement to the sponsor.

Very truly yours,

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JASON R. RAVNSBORG
Attorney General

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cc/enc.: Cory Heidelberg

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INITIATED MEASURE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT

Title: An initiated measure seeking to repeal the petition circulator directory and other laws governing ballot measure circulators.

Explanation:

This measure seeks to repeal legislation regarding ballot measure petition circulators. The legislation, enacted in 2019, requires the Secretary of State to maintain a directory of people who circulate statewide ballot measure petitions. Upon a circulator's submission of an application, the Secretary of State issues an identification number and badge. The circulator must wear the badge when circulating petitions. The badge contains the circulator's ID number, but not the circulator's name or personal information. It also identifies the applicable ballot question committee and whether the circulator is paid or a volunteer.

The 2019 legislation requires that the circulator's ID number be provided to petition signers and also appear on the petition signature pages. In addition, the legislation removes the requirement that circulators' residency information be included in affidavits that petition sponsors file with the Secretary of State.

This initiated measure seeks to repeal that 2019 legislation and return to the former requirements in the law. These requirements include presenting petition signers with the circulator's name, phone number, and email address. The measure would also reinstate the requirement that the affidavits filed by petition sponsors contain certain information regarding circulators' residency.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

The text of the proposed law is as follows:

Section 1: That chapter 14 of the 2019 Session Laws be repealed.

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